

THE BLUE AND GOLD

—By Sully

Over the past year at Montreat, there has been growth in the Athletic Department. Many people may not have noticed, and probably many more did not even care, but the Department did grow.

It all started in September when the cross country team grew into something more than it had been in its first year — 1966. There were a few men who ran this year, that helped make up the team in its first year. But more important there were many new faces this year that showed that there was thorough interest to carry on the sport not only this year but throughout next year as well. This team, unlike the first, did taste some victories, and hopefully will want to taste victory again in the 68-69 season.

Following the cross country season the seeds of success started to spread. The soccer club was formed to provide a foundation for next year's team. By all indications soccer is going to join the ranks of a varsity sport next year. There are already a dozen games on next year's schedule as well.

A foundation has been laid and interest has been formed this year. Therefore it should become successful in its first year as a varsity team.

During the winter months, something happened. Things didn't go as well as everyone hoped, and the basketball team fell into a valley out of which it never climbed. Was it lack of unity, lack of spirit on the team, a poor outlook, or the coaching?

Whatever the problem was, "let's hope that next year with their scholarships, and their experienced 6' 6" players the Cavaliers will have the first winning season since their

development."

The varsity teams that were engaged in competition this spring seem to have found the right mark for winning, especially the tennis team.

The tennis team is an example of what can be done if the coaches of this college had the material and the facilities to work with. It is without a doubt the best varsity team ever to represent this institution. (But they have the proper facilities to work with.) Hopefully they won't be the last!

Also this spring, after having great difficulty getting started, the track team is still running strong. Though it has yet to win a meet, it has yet to lose one either. And it is doing pretty well with the material it has to work with.

There is no telling what the future will hold for varsity sports at Montreat. But before sports grow any further, the college as a whole must realize that athletics do exist at this institution, and that academics are not "God's only gift to the human"; and the administration should become aware of this.

They should have been aware of this long ago, and should have made allowances for the advancement of athletics before now.

For now, another year is gone at M. A. C. and I hope that in some small way, over the past year I have perhaps opened some eyes to the importance of athletics at this fine institution, and that some day, if and when I come back, I might see the "new" Montreat having an athletic program which would be above the present level. It should be to serve the members of this college.

Tennis Team Sets Record

This year for the first time in Montreat-Anderson history, the Cavaliers have actually had a winning team.

So far this season, and with only one game remaining, the tennis team under the coaching of Mr. James Halstead has compiled a respectable 6-1-1 record. Freshman Gene Fuller is the first "netter" ever to go the season undefeated.

On May 4, the "Netters" were even able to revenge their only loss by defeating Lees-McRae, the school which served them the defeat.

Surely this must have been the most exciting game of the season, for it went right down to the last match of the game before the winner could be determined.

Gene Fuller started the day off by remaining undefeated and beating his man. Gene's brother, Joe, who at the last meeting of the two teams was handed a defeat, showed great improvement by also winning his match, and Billy Ratteree followed suit.

Lees-McRae quickly reduced the score by serving Glen Meetze, Steve Austin, and Larry Wood with defeats, and at the start of the doubles play, the score was 3-3.

The visiting school got the jump on Ratteree and Gene Fuller for the first doubles battle, and they went down in a loss. But Montreat bound-

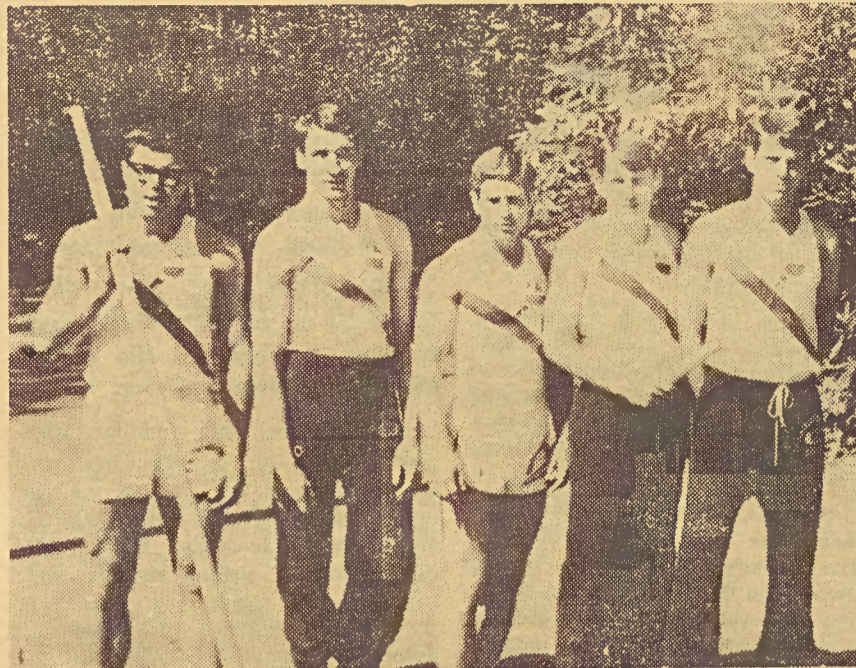
ed back with a number two doubles win by Austin and Joe Fuller.

At this point things started to get a little tense. The score was tied, and the final numbers three doubles match was all that remained to effect the outcome of the entire match. When it was over, however, Glen Meetze and David Richardson were victors. Thus Montreat won its fourth straight victory in a row.

Coach Halstead stated that he was really pleased with the support shown to the tennis team at the first match by the student body, and that he was especially pleased with the improvement shown by the entire team over the past few weeks. He stated that as yet the team has not even reached its peak in performance and that the players still need experience, and match play.

Montreat has never before had the honor of having a winning team, but thanks to the coaching of Mr. Halstead, and the dedication of all the men participating, we can now say we have a great tennis team.

**Final Track Meet
Montreat 59½
Asheville Boys
School 53½**



This year many school records were broken by the M. A. track team. Those who broke the old records are: (L to R) Roy Tyner-pole vault 11'6", Mike Morrison, Dennis Martin, Bill Sullivan, and Charlie Lance—880 yard relay—1:42. Lance also set the high jump record of 5'6". Missing is Paul Giebel who has the record in the long jump

TRACK TEAM TIES GASTON

The Montreat-Anderson Track Team, behind the fast running of Dennis Martin ran to a 52-52 tie with Gaston College at Gastonia on a muggy May 4th.

Martin, who won the 100, 220, and later teamed with Charlie Lance, Mike Morrison and Bill Sullivan to anchor the record setting 880 yard relay was the outstanding participant for the Cavaliers.

Other outstanding performances were shown by Charlie Lance who set a new high jump record of 5' 6", and Roy Tyner who pushed the pole vault record to 11' 6".

Montreat, after being behind by a score of 37 to 8 at the end of the field events, seemed to come alive in the track competition, literally running over Gaston with first and second places in almost all the running events.

It seemed that everyone had the edge over Gaston, though Montreat was still plagued by bad luck and inexperience. But that day, the "Thin-clads" had the "never say die" attitude that was missing in some of the previous sports seasons here at Mon-

treat. They wanted that win, and it seemed they were not going to get it until the final points were tallied and the meet had ended in the unusual score.

Shot put-1) G. 2) Edwin Hedgepath 3) G.-40' 2".

High Jump-1) G. 2) G. 3) Charlie Lance-5' 6". Lance sets new school record of 5' 6"-old record 5' 2".

Discus-1) G. 2) G. 3) G.

Pole Vault-1) G. 2) Roy Tyner 3) G.-11' 6". Tyner sets new school record of 11' 6"-old record 10'.

Broad Jump-1) G. 2) G. 3) Paul Giebel-19' 5".

100 yd. Dash-1) Dennis Martin 2) Mike Morrison 3) P. Geibel-10.3.

180 Low Hurdles-1) G. 2) Roy Tyner 3) G.

220 yd. Dash-1) Dennis Martin 2) Mike Morrison 3) G.-23.3.

440 yd. Dash-1) Bill Sullivan 2) Charlie Lance 3) G.-58.2.

880 yd. Dash-1) G. 2) James Waldroup 3) G.-2:32.

Mile Run-1) Al Wilson 2) Jack Robbins-5:39.6.

880 yd. Relay-1) M. A. C. Sullivan, Lance, Morrison, and Martin-1:42.0 (New school record.)

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